



Dear Indiana Principals:

Today, a well-rounded education involves extracurricular experiences which occur outside of the classroom and a normal school day. Regardless of venue, students and parents expectations of a safety and security of participants is paramount. Because of the magnitude of issues such as bullying, hazing and harassing, your participation in this project is **critical** in establishing Indiana as the frontrunner in school safety and security guidelines. Your input will serve as a catalyst for change across the nation.

In an effort to help define "Best Practices" in the area of supervision, I have partnered with the **Indiana Department of Education** to collect data on current policies/guidelines in interscholastic supervision. Our purpose is not to expose any deficiencies, but rather identify areas for concern and to help you formalize a plan to address any problems that arise through the completion of this survey. Your participation is paramount in helping us to help you make our schools a safer environment for our children. The link to the survey is below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IndianaHighSchoolSupervisionSurvey>

Completing the survey should only take about 15 minutes. Your participation will remain confidential to extent that school names and the name of the person completing the survey will not be utilized in any discussion of the findings. Specific demographic information will only be used to contact schools we feel could benefit from our assistance in updating their current plans/policies regarding supervision. I do have one request, that you **provide a copy of your policies on supervision** either via email at drbussell@bsu.edu or mail to my attention at the address below. We are asking that you complete this survey and request for documents by **December 15, 2010**.

By virtue of completing this survey you are granting consent for the researchers to use your data. Your participation in this research project is voluntary and confidential. You are free to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice from the investigator. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free me at the email address below. For questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the Director, Office of Research Compliance, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306, (765) 285-5070 or at irb@bsu.edu.

Thank you for participating in this project. I am confident that this data will provide critical information that will help to formalize supervision policies and procedures in Indiana schools. We look forward to sharing our findings with you in the spring.

Regards,

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